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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: SPRING-SUMMER ERADICATION CAMPAIGN:
AG AERO SERVICES AVIATION OPERATIONS, ANNEXES 25, 26,
AND 27 (CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY 1977)

1. AG AERO SERVICES FLEW TOTAL OF 1,390.2 HOURS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY WHICH REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS MONTH ALTHOUGH, FOR ALL INTENT, THE INTENSIFIED PORTION OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST POPPY STARTED TO DIMINISH IN MID-APRIL WITH MARIJUANA PROGRESSIVELY BECOMING THE PRIMARY TARGET. GOM/AG STRATEGY NOW SHIFTS TO MARIJUANA SPRAYING UNTIL MID-AUGUST WHEN THE PRIMARY TARGET, BASED ON VISUAL RECON, WILL REVERT TO POPPY ERADICATION.

2. THE SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS THE DR. BOURNE-FALCO VISIT TO MEXICO AND THE FIELD TRIP TO THE STATE OF OAXACA, TO THE MATIAS ROMERO ADVANCE BASE TO OBSERVE THE MARIJUANA SPRAYING OPERATIONS.

3. THE AG OFFICE REPORTED A TOTAL OF 36 POPPY CROPS DESTROYED DURING MAY FOR A CUMULATIVE TOTAL SINCE 1 DECEMBER OF 30,267. THE MARIJUANA DESTRUCTION FIGURES REVEAL 1,082 CROPS FOR THE MONTH WITH A CUMULATIVE
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TOTAL OF 7,393. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CROPS REPORTEDLY DESTROYED SINCE 1 DECEMBER IS 37,660 THROUGH MAY 1977.

4. AVIATION OPERATIONS

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN BY AG AIRCRAFT (BOTH ROTARY WING AND FIXED WING) AND AVAILABILITY FOR THE TEN-

DAY REPORTING PERIOD):

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	1,390.2 HOURS
AVERAGE AVAILABILITY (RW)	65.0 PERCENT
AVERAGE AVAILABILITY (FW)	88.0 PERCENT

B. MODEL 212 TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	443.9 HOURS
SPRAY SHIPS	85.7 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	77.0 PERCENT
SUPPORT	348.2 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	64.0 PERCENT

C. MODEL 206-B TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	576.2 HOURS
SPRAY SHIPS (SIMPLEX II)	122.6 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	59.0 PERCENT
SUPPORT	453.6 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	64.0 PERCENT

D. CESSNA 185 TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	182.8 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	94.0 PERCENT

E. AERO COMMANDER TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	56.0 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	73.0 PERCENT

F. CESSNA CITATION TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	53.9 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	81.0 PERCENT

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G. TWIN OTTER TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	67.5 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	100.0 PERCENT

H. PILATUS PORTER TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	15.9 HOURS
AVAILABILITY	94.0 PERCENT

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